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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH NORWAY

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1. POLCOUNS MET WITH FONMIN UN AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF JAN NYHEIM
AUGUST 10 TO DISCUSS UNGA ISSUES AS OUTLINED REFTTEL. NYHEIM
LEFT FOR REYKJAVIK NORDIC PREPARATORY MEETING LATER SAME DAY.

2. KOREA: NYHEIM SAID NORWAY APPROACHES KOREA ISSUE ALONG SAME
BASIC PRINCIPLES AS US. BECAUSE IT HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA NORWAY SEEKS ADDITIONALLY TO MAINTAIN
BALANCED POSITION AS BETWEEN KOREAS WHERE POSSIBLE. BUT LAST
YEAR'S UNGA HOSTILE RESOLUTION WAS NOT BALANCED IN THAT IT DID
NOT PROVIDE FOR SOUTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION AND NORWAY VOTED
AGAINST. NORWAY CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE SIMILAR APPROACH
THIS YEAR,BUT WILL HAVE TO COMPARE RESPECTIVE RESOLUTIONS
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BEFORE MAKING A FINAL DECISION. NYHEIM SAID HE PERSONALLY

WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PREVENTING A STANDOFF ON ISSUE. HE FELT NORTH KOREANS HAVE A FIXED VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT AND THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN, BY MAKING GREATER INROADS TO NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT, WIN A MAJORITY IN UNGA ON IT. THUS THEY WILL PERSIST. IF NORTH KOREANS WIN THEIR WAY IN UNGA THEY MAY BECOME MORE MODERATE, BUT NYHEIM SAID HE DOUBTED IT.

3. PUERTO RICO: NYHEIM SAID NORWEGIANS AGREE WITH US ON SUBSTANCE OF PUERTO RICO ISSUE. THEY FEEL THEY UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM, HAVE HAD GOOD CONTACTS WITH PUERTO RICO'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, AND DO NOT WANT THIS TO BECOME MATTER OF CONFRONTATION. NORWAY WANTS TO TACKLE ISSUE IN COMMITTEE OF 24 IN WAY WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL TO US AND ALSO TO NORWAY. THUS NORWEGIANS WISH TO PROCEED THERE AS OBJECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE. THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE, NOR TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THEY ARE, A HANDMAIDEN OF US IN THE COMMITTEE. WITHIN THESE GUIDELINES HE SAID HE HAD EVERY REASON BELIEVE WE WOULD WORK IN HARMONY ON MATTER.

4. PANAMA CANAL: NORWEGIANS BELIEVE ISSUE IS BILATERAL US-PANAMA MATTER AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT TWO PARTIES CAN WORK IT OUT SATISFACTORILY BETWEEN THEM ON FRIENDLY BASIS.

5. MIDDLE EAST: NORWEGIANS BELIEVE ISRAELI SUSPENSION WILL NOT COME UP AND THAT ENDORSEMENT OF ZIONISM AS RACISM WILL TAKE PLACE. THEY FEEL FRUSTRATED OVER UN DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; THEY WANT TO TAKE PART BUT WILL NOT SO LONG AS ZIONISM IS INCLUDED. THEY AGREE THAT A NARROW DEFINITION OF DECADE TARGETS WILL HELP; THEY ARE INCLINED TO THINK SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AFRICANS, WHOSE INTERESTS ARE HURT BY LACK OF DECADE IMPLEMENTATION, MIGHT RESULT IN THEIR BREAKING FROM THE ARABS AND PERMITTING THE DECADE TO MOVE FORWARD. BUT NYHEIM SAID NORWAY HAD NO SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR SUCH TALKS. HE SAID NORWAY SHARED US VIEW THAT CREDENTIALS REVIEW PROCESS IS TECHNICAL ONE AND ONLY SECURITY COUNCIL COULD SUSPEND OR EXPELL A MEMBER. HE SAID NORWEGIANS DO NOT EXPECT CREDENTIALS ISSUE TO ARISE.

6. SOUTHERN AFRICA: NYHEIM SAID NORWEGIANS PLACE HIGH PRIORITY ON THESE ISSUES. DOMESTIC AND POLITICAL PARTY OPINION RUNS HIGH ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND NORDIC FOREIGN
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MINISTERS WILL DEVOTE LARGE PART OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS LATER THIS MONTH TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. FOR THIS REASON, NORWEGIANS ASKED US FOR AS THOROUGH PROSENTATION OF US POSITIONS AS POSSIBLE (OSLO 3835). NORWEGIANS ARE WORRIED THAT WESTERN ALLIES MAY LAG BEHIND WHAT IS NEEDED TO MOVE THESE MATTERS TOWARD RESOLUTION. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IF TRANSKEI ISSUE IS RAISED IN A SOUTH AFRICAN RESOLUTION IT WOULD CALL FOR WESTERN POSITION. HE SAID NORWAY SAW ANY RECOGNITION OF TRANSKEI AS ENDORSEMENT

OF APARTHEID AND NORWAY WOULD NOT GRANT SUCH RECOGNITION. HE SAID NORWEGIANS THOUGHT WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD SEEK TO GAIN BINDING AGREEMENT ON WEAPONS EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA. HE REITERATED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAD APPEALED TO NATO MINISTERS IN OSLO TO SHOW MORE UNDERSTANDING TOWARD AFRICAN INTERESTS AND HE SAID NORWEGIANS ARE TAKING STEPS INTERNALLY TO BRING THEIR ACTIONS IN LINE WITH THEIR POLICY AGAINST APARTHEID. FOR EXAMPLE, NORWAY'S EXPOVT CREDIT GUARANTEE INSTITUTE CAN NO LONGER GUARANTEE SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA.

7. ELECTIONS: NYHEIM SAID NORWEGIANS APPRECIATED US POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION CANDIDATE. HE SAID HE HOPED WEO MEETING NEW YORK AUG 10 WOULD SORT OUT WEO OPINION. HE ALSO SAID NORWAY WOULD HOPE TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR PROF. OLAV GJAEREVOLL AS UNEP HEAD. WEO COUNTRIES HAD TO DECIDE FIRST ON SUPPORT UNEP CANDIDATE WHO THEN MINGHT HAVE TO FACE LATIN AMERICAN CANDIDATE.

8. ADMISSION OF VIETNAM AND ANGOLA: WHILE HE DID NOT DISCUSS ADMISSION WITH NYHEIM, WE FEEL CONFIDENT NORWEGIANS WILL APPROACH THESE QUESTIONS FROM TANDPOINT OF THEIR SUPPORT OF UNIVERSALITY. THUS THEY WOULD SUPPORT MEMBERSHIP FOR THESE COUNTRIES AS THEY WOULD FOR NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

9. COMMENT: WE APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT'S TIMELY AND INFORMATIVE GUIDANCE. IN VIEW OF KEEN NORWEGIAN INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AVAILABLE ON THESE ISSUES WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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